

REMARKS

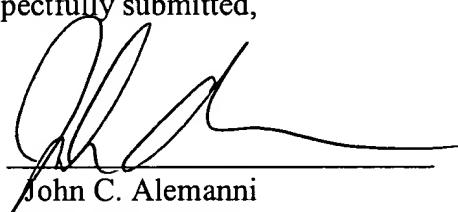
The Restriction Requirement stated that Applicants are required to elect one of the following inventions for further prosecution on the merits:

1. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of classifying instance data, classified in class 707, subclass 100.
2. Claims 8-14 and 21-24, drawn to a method of predicting, classified in class 707, subclass 5.
3. Claims 15 and 16, drawn to building classification structures to classify instances, classified in class 707, subclass 102.
4. Claims 17-20, drawn to constructing a federated group number of classification structures, classified in class 707, subclass 100.

Applicant hereby elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-7. Applicant traverses on the grounds that searching each group would not be unduly burdensome.

Respectfully submitted,

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